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1. Shortly after the release of the official announcement that all young men in the Peiping area would be subject to call into the local defense corps for military training, many youths tried various means of escaping this required service. However, since most of them had stated their correct ages on the registration forms previously submitted, they found it difficult to avoid being enlisted. According to the regulations, only those under eighteen years of age or over thirty-five years of age (previously reported as forty), students, and only sons are exempt. The only definite means of evading service is to bribe the local police.

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2. The conscription system used by the police is as follows:  
The police district receives a quota which it divides and gives to each sub-district. The quota is then further divided by the sub-district and given to each community leader. After the community leader has received his quota, a meeting is held in the community and the people decide who shall be called. The salaries of conscripted men are paid by the community, which also must care for the families of the men. Those who can pay for the upkeep of more than one family are seldom selected for this military service. [17]

3. So many of the conscriptees have lied about their correct ages that, in many instances, the community leader is having difficulty filling the quota. Because of this the police have now begun raiding eligible selectees' homes and forcibly taking them to the army barracks. This practice affords many opportunities for bribery and it is stated that anyone with enough money to bribe the police need not fear being conscripted.

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